

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-23 and enter the following amended claim set:

24. (New) A restricting device for a closure including a vent hingedly connected to a frame, the restricting device being adapted to act between the vent and the frame, and comprising a plate, an arm, and means for releasably interengaging the arm and the plate, wherein, in use, when the plate and the arm are interengaged, the closure can only be opened a predetermined distance, the means for releasably interengaging the arm and the plate comprising a resilient means adapted to engage a locking pin, engagement between the arm and the plate being released by releasing the resilient means, the means for releasing the resilient means being separate from the rest of the device.

25. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 24, wherein the resilient means is mounted on the plate and the locking pin is mounted on the arm.

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27. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 24, wherein the locking pin has a tapered head of increasing diameter leading to a neck portion of reduced diameter.

28. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 24, wherein the resilient means comprises a resilient strip having two legs.

29. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 28, wherein the resilient strip comprises a resilient metal strip.

30. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 28, wherein the locking pin has a tapered head of increasing diameter leading to a neck portion of reduced diameter, and wherein the engagement between the locking pin and the resilient means occurs by forcing the tapered head between the two legs of the resilient strip until the legs engage with the neck portion of the locking pin.

31. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 24, further comprising means for mounting the resilient means on one of the plate and the arm.

32. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 24, wherein the resilient means is releasable using a key.

33. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 32, wherein the resilient means comprises a resilient strip having two legs, and the key is usable to force the two legs of the resilient strip apart.

34. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 33, wherein the key has an eccentric cross-section.

35. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 33, wherein the device further comprises key rotation stop means for preventing rotation of the key beyond a position in which the two legs are forced apart to a maximum extent.

36. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 35, wherein the key rotation stop means comprises a specially shaped portion of the key and a correspondingly specially shaped hole in the plate.

37. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 36, wherein the specially shaped portion of the key has a semi-circular cross section, and the specially shaped hole in the plate includes a V-shaped notch, the key rotatable through approximately 90° between a first position in which the specially shaped portion of the key abuts a first edge of the notch and a second position in which the specially shaped portion of the key abuts a second edge of the notch.

38. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 24, wherein the arm is pivotally mountable on a track.

39. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 38, wherein the arm is mountable on a C-section track.

40. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 38, wherein the arm is pivotally mountable on a slider that is mounted in the track.

41. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 40, wherein the arm is pivotally mountable on a friction slider.

42. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 38, wherein the arm is pivotally mountable on a track comprising stops.

43. (New) An closable aperture comprising one of a window and a door comprising a frame, a vent hingedly connected to the frame, and a restricting device adapted to act between the vent and the frame, the restricting device comprising a plate, an arm, and means for releasably interengaging the arm and the plate, wherein, in use, when the plate and the arm are interengaged, the closure can only be opened a predetermined distance, the means for releasably interengaging the arm and the plate comprising a resilient means adapted to engage a locking pin, engagement between the arm and the plate being released by releasing the resilient means, the means for releasing the resilient means being separate from the rest of the device.

44. (New) The aperture recited in Claim 43, wherein the plate is mounted on one of the vent and the frame, and the arm is mounted on the other of the vent and the frame.